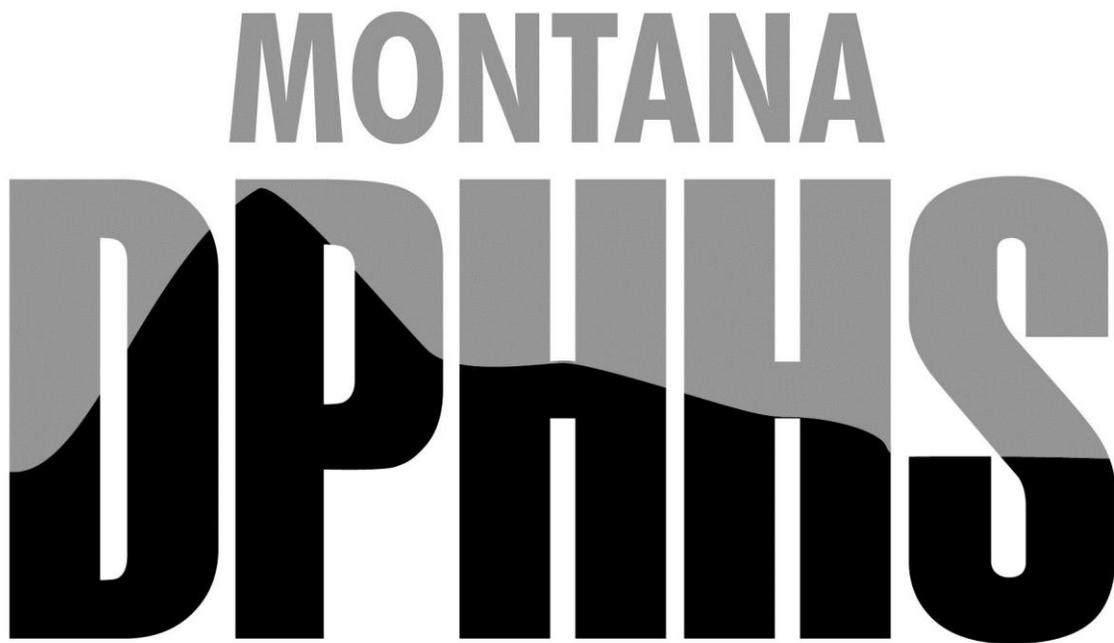


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### **Executive Summary**

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services presents this revision of the biennial report to the Montana Preservation Review Board as required by Montana Codes Annotated (MCA) 22-3-424 (4): “an act requiring state agencies and the Montana University System to biennially report to the Preservation Review Board on the status and maintenance needs of agency heritage properties.”

MCA 22-3-424 (4) outlines five reporting requirements state agencies must include in their report to the Preservation Board. The statute requires the following:

- A. A list of heritage properties managed by the agencies as those properties have been identified pursuant to this section.
- B. The status and condition of each heritage property
- C. The stewardship efforts in which the agencies have engaged to maintain each heritage property and the cost of those activities
- D. A prioritized list of the maintenance needs for the properties
- E. A Record of the agency’s compliance with subsections MCA 22-3-424 (1) and (2)

In reporting on each of the three properties, we will provide the above information and supporting documents where appropriate.

**A. List of the heritage properties managed by the agency**

Heritage sites administered by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services include twenty-five state-owned heritage properties that fall under our stewardship. One site has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and twenty-five sites are eligible.

***Montana State Hospital District***

The district is located in Warm Springs, Montana and includes:

**Administration Annex Building 24DL0792**  
**Granary & Feed Mill 24DL0800**  
**Horse Barn 24DL0801**  
**Employees' Residences 24DL0802**  
**Milking Barn & Creamery 24DL0803**  
**Root House and Granary 24DL0804**  
**Hog Shed 24DL0805**  
**Hog Weaner Shed 24DL0806**  
**Duplex Residence for Doctors' Quarters 24DL0808**  
**Doctors' Residences 24DL0809**  
**Employee Duplex Residence 24DL0810**  
**Resident C – Assistant Superintendent's Cottage 24DL0811**  
**Poultry House 24DL0823**  
**Warehouse/Receiving Warehouse 24DL0824**  
**Furniture Warehouse 24DL0825**  
**Maternity and Calf Barn 24DL0826**  
**Residence G – Doctor's Residence 24DL0827**  
**Residence H – Dr. Hogan Cottage 24DL0828**  
**Residence M--Dairyman's Cottage 24DL0829**  
**Loafing Shed 24DL0838**  
**Loafing Shed 24DL0839**  
**Loafing Shed 24DL0840**  
**Fire Hall 24DL0841**  
**Main Garage 24DL0842**

***Montana State Soldiers' (Veterans') Home 24FH0356 Historic District.***

The Montana Soldiers' Home Historic District has been on the Register of Historic Places since April 1994 (94000385 NRIS) and is located in Columbia Falls, Montana.

## **B. The status and condition of each heritage property**

The Montana State Hospital – Administration Annex Building is considered satisfactory and in good condition.

The Granary & Feed Mill is considered endangered and poor.

The Horse Barn is considered threatened and poor.

The Employees' Residences are considered endangered and failed.

The Milking Barn & Creamery are considered satisfactory and fair.

The Root House and Granary are considered endangered and failed.

The Hog Shed is considered watch and fair.

The Hog Weaner Shed is considered watch and fair.

The Duplex Residence for Doctors' Quarters is considered satisfactory and fair.

The Doctors' Residences are considered satisfactory and fair.

The Employee Duplex Residence is considered satisfactory and fair.

Resident C – Assistant Superintendent's Cottage is considered satisfactory and good.

The Poultry House is considered watch and poor.

The Warehouse is considered satisfactory and good.

The Furniture Warehouse is considered watch and fair.

The Maternity and Calf Barn are considered satisfactory and fair.

Residence G – Doctor's Residence is considered satisfactory and fair.

Residence H – Dr. Hogan Cottage is considered satisfactory and fair.

Residence M--Dairyman's Cottage is considered satisfactory and good.

Loafing Shed 24DL0838 is considered satisfactory and fair.

Loafing Shed 24DL0839 is considered satisfactory and fair.

Loafing Shed 24DL0840 is considered satisfactory and fair.

Fire Hall is considered satisfactory and fair.

Main Garage is considered satisfactory and fair.

The Montana State Soldier's (Veterans) Home HD is in satisfactory condition. The status of Old Main: Watch; Commandant's House (Hospital, Headquarters Building): Satisfactory; Service Building (Chapel): Satisfactory; Dairy Barn: Watch; Heating Plant: Endangered; Laundry (Carpentry Shop): Satisfactory. The condition of Old Main: Poor; Commandant's House (Hospital, Headquarters Building): Excellent; Service Building (Chapel): Excellent; Dairy Barn: Fair; Heating Plant: Poor; Laundry (Carpentry Shop): Good.

### ***Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) 24JF0496***

The Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) has been on the Register of Historic Places since May 1985 (85000994 NRIS) and is located in Boulder, Montana. The Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) has been transferred to the Department of Justice.

### **C. Stewardship efforts and costs**

Montana State Hospital District: no improvements have been made in the past 2 year.

The Montana Soldiers' Home Historic District: no improvements have been made in the past 2 years.

### **D. Prioritized list of maintenance needs for the properties**

Montana State Hospital – Administration Building needs continued routine maintenance to keep the property in safe working order. This will continue to be done as needed.

The Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD needs continued routine maintenance to keep the property in safe working order. This will continue to be done as needed,

### **E. Record of compliance with subsections MCA 22-3-424 (1) and (2)**

Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center in Lewistown is now 70 years old. It was originally called the Montana Center for the Aged and was built on a 40-acre site overlooking the city of Lewistown by the State of Montana. It was first occupied in October of 1952 and directed by the Montana's Department of Institutions. Billings architect J. G. Link designed the facility. The Center is built with six large wings and a center section that has a kitchen, dining room, lounge, chapel, offices and nursing stations. The building was constructed in 1952 and provides long term care and treatment of persons challenged by mental illness. Two additions were added to the original 1952 complex in 1976. Today it functions as the Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center. The facility is a licensed 117-bed long term care facility established for persons who have a mental disorder, require a level of care not available in the community, but who cannot benefit from the intense psychiatric treatment available at the Montana State Hospital. Jon Axline has completed a Montana Historic Property Record and deemed it eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The agency is in the process of evaluating this property as a heritage property for the next 2024 cycle.

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has not adopted administrative rules to implement the Montana State Antiquities Act (22-3-424), however it does act in compliance with rules adopted under 22-3-423.

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services biggest challenge in identifying, evaluating, and protecting state-owned heritage properties is balancing the needs to preserve heritage properties while meeting the Agency's primary mission which is to improve and protect the health, well-being and self-reliance of all Montanans. DPHHS continues to evaluate its state-owned heritage properties and how critical they are to the operation of the facilities. Of course, all buildings that do not house patients are not as critical as those that do.